

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2077
ANSWERED ON:05.03.2003
VISIT OF POLAND PRIME MINISTER
C. SREENIVAASAN;PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister of Poland visited the country recently;
- (b) if so, the details of bilateral agreements signed between the two countries;
- (c) whether India and Poland have signed an extradition treaty; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVUJAY SINGH)

- (a) Yes.
- (b) During the visit, the following bilateral documents were signed between the two countries:
 - (i) Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Republic of Poland on Cooperation in Combating International terrorism and Organised Crime;
 - (ii) Extradition Treaty between the Republic of India and the Republic of Poland; and
 - (iii) Agreement between the Republic of India and the Republic of Poland on Cooperation in the Field of Defence.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) The Extradition Treaty signed between India and Poland will facilitate extradition of any person who is wanted for prosecution for, or is convicted of an extraditable offence committed within the territory of the Requesting State, and is found within the territory of the Requested State. An extradition offence for the purposes will be an act which under the laws of each Contracting State is punishable by a term of imprisonment for a period of at least one year. Political offences of certain categories, including murder or harm to the person of the Head of State or the Head of Government, other murders and grievous bodily harms, hostage taking, etc. will attract the provisions of the Treaty. The Treaty provides for provisional arrest in urgent cases. It also provides for seizure of the property of the person, whose extradition is sought, by the Requested State.